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- 11. (C) POL Counselor discussed reftel points September 18 with Dr. Gabor Horvath, the Deputy Director General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Department of Security Policy and Non-Proliferation. Horvath expressed appreciation for the U.S. briefing, noting that Hungary was not itself directly impacted by the U.S. decision. He said Hungary would be following closely the reactions of other NATO allies, especially the Czech Republic and Poland. The initial Polish response appeared much more measured, Horvath observed, than the Czech reaction, which he characterized as "emotional." Horvath asked if it was possible for the U.S. to share more of the technical details of the revised missile defense plan.
- 12. (C) We passed the points as well to the Prime Minister's and Foreign Minister's offices, and will report any reaction separately.

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